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SUBJECT: FY 2006 IVLP Individual Program - Ahmed Mahidjiba
(Principal Candidate)

REFERENCE: OTTAWA 1504

Post nominates Ahmed Mahidjiba, President, Algerian Cultural Center, Montreal for a 21-day individual project on The Role of Religious Communities in U.S. Society. Mr. Mahidjiba has full country team approval. EVDB-formatted nomination follows.

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ECA-PROJ-NO:

PROJ-NAME: Mahidjiba, Ahmed - Individual

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PROJ-TYPE: Individual

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2006

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STATUS: N

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SUBJ-DISC: Diversity & Pluralism

START BIO:

PREFIX: Mr.

F-NAME: Ahmed

M-NAME:

L-NAME: Mahidjiba

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 350

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

GENDER: M

DOB: 05/07/1969

MAR-STAT:

BIRTH-CITY: El Attaf

BIRTH-CNTRY: Algeria

CITIZ-CNTRY: Canada

RES-CNTRY: Canada

START MEMO POSITION:

President/Founder of the Algerian Cultural Center of Montreal

END MEMO POSITION:

START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

Researcher, Ouranos (Quebec government climate change research agency)

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

Has held various academic positions (Researcher, Research

Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Lab Assistant and Co-Director of Masters and PhD theses) at ole Polytechnique and ole de Technologie Suprieure, both in Montreal

END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:

START MEMO US-TRAVEL:

One stopover in February 2002

END MEMO US-TRAVEL:

START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

Studied in France from 1993-1995

END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:

START MEMO EDUCATION:

Currently working toward a PhD in the Sociology of Immigration and Ethnic Relations at Universit du Qubec Montral (UQAM)

PhD (2001) in Mechanical Engineering from ole

Polytechnique;

Masters (1998) in Mechanical Engineering from ole

Polytechnique;

Post Graduate degree (1995) in Mechanical Engineering from rom

ole nationale suprieure des arts et mtiers, Paris;

Bachelor's Degree (1993) in Engineering from ole nationale des travaux publics of Algiers

END MEMO EDUCATION:

START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

Centre Culturel Algrien Montral; Executive Council of

ole Pie XII (in charge of external relations); Association

of Montreal Polytechnique Alumni; Montreal Polytechnique

Graduate Students Association

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

Besides his various thesis papers, Mahidjiba has published

most recently in the International Journal of Numerical

Methods for Heat and Fluid Flow (2002), Acta Mechanica

(2002) and the International Journal of Heat and Mass

Transfer (2001)

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

Dietary or medical considerations: None

Smoker/non-smoker: Non-smoker

END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:

FIRST-LANG: French

ENGL-READ: 5

ENGL-SPEAK: 5

ENGL-COMP: 5

START OTHER-LANGS:

OTHER-LANG: English

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SPEAK: 3

COMP: 3

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NOMINATING-OFFICER: PAO Alyson Grunder

START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

Like many recent Algerian immigrants to Canada, Ahmed Mahidjiba's academic achievements are impressive. Since

arriving in Montreal nine years ago, Ahmed has completed a

Masters and a PhD in fluid mechanics and aerothermics at

Montreal's prestigious ole Polytechnique. He is

completing another PhD at the Universit du Qubec

Montral in the sociology of immigration and ethnic

relations. Mahidjiba's day job is with Ouranos, Quebec's

center on climate research, where he is presently developing

a digital model dealing with climate and atmospheric

problems. But equally as important for the Consulate, Ahmed

is the President and a founding member of the Algerian

Cultural Center in Montreal.

Montreal's Algerian community is young and growing,

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numbering about 30,000 according to most estimates. Because

of restricted immigration policies in Europe and the Quebec

government's policy goal that at least 50 percent of

immigrants to the province be native French speakers,

Montreal's North African population will continue to

increase in the coming years. Mahidjiba has helped the

Algerian Cultural Center become the main information source

for Algerian immigrants before and after they arrive to

Canada. The CCA, which receives funding from the Quebec government, helps immigrants looking for jobs, it provides training in technical fields and helps less-educated immigrants integrate into Quebec society. The CCA also houses a radio station available on the internet and a newspaper, l' an.

Open-minded, very articulate and committed to opening doors for his fellow immigrants in the Maghrebian community, Mahidjiba is a powerful example for younger Muslims and Arab-Canadians in Montreal. His high educational achievements and his devotion to community service make him someone that people both inside and outside his ethnic group look to for advice. Mahidjiba, who has virtually no exposure to the U.S., would not be the only one to benefit greatly from an International Visitor program. His impressions and conclusions would be disseminated widely in the Algerian community, both orally and through the media. His views on the treatment and integration of Muslims and Arab-Americans in the U.S. and USG policies on immigration and foreign visitor issues would carry great weight in Montreal's fast-growing North African community.

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:

NOM-OFF: ConGen Montreal

SPEAKER?: No

NOTIFY-EMB: No

MEDIA?: No

HOME-STAY: No

HOME-HOSP?: Yes

E-I-TYPE: INTERPRETER

NOMINEE-ID: 511

PERSON-ID: 393

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CITIZ-CNTRY-ID: CA

RES-CNTRY-ID: CA

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